

## REMARKS

By this Amendment, independent claims 13, 23, 34 and 37 are being amended as to formal matters. Independent claim 19 is being amended to incorporate limitations of certain of its dependent claims, those dependent claims then being amended as well. Other dependent claims are also being amended as to formal matters or to make them more complete.

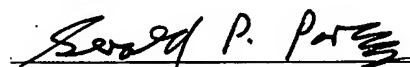
Most of the references cited in an accompanying Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement have recently been discovered by the undersigned attorney, after the Notice of Allowance was mailed in this application. Consideration of these references and making them of record in the file of the present application are respectfully requested.

It is believed that this application remains in condition for allowance and an early formal indication of its allowance in the amended form is solicited. However, if there are any further matters that need attention, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at 415-318-1163 would be appreciated.

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